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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION -- LNG CONTRACT

(1) THE ARMED FORCES DAILY ANGKATAN BERSENJATA IN AN AUGUST 23 EDITORIAL ENTITLED "IN SEARCH OF A MARKET FOR LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS," SAID "OUR CLEAR TARGET FOR MARKETING THE LNG AT PRESENT IS JAPAN WHICH HAS IMPORTED INDONESIAN GAS SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF PRODUCTION."

(2) ANGKATAN BERSENJATA MADE THE COMMENT IN REFLECTING ON A STATEMENT BY ENERGY AND MINING MINISTER SUBROTO THAT IF THE UNITED STATES REJECTS THE U.S. INDONESIAN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE LNG, INDONESIA SHOULD LOOK FOR OTHER MARKETS.

(3) THE NEWSPAPER RECALLED THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE DURING HIS MAY VISIT HAD SAID THE "THE U.S. IN PRINCIPAL AGREED TO IMPORTATION OF (INDONESIAN) LNG; BUT UNFORTUNATELY," THE NEWSPAPER ADDED, "AGREEMENT ON PRICING WAS NOT REACHED WITH THE U.S."

(4) THE NEWSPAPER SAID INDONESIA SHOULD ALSO LOOK FOR LNG MARKETS FOR ITS ARUN FIELD IN THE "INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN WESTERN EUROPE," OR EVEN "IN THE SOCIALIST UNCLASSIFIED

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COUNTRIES."

(5) ANGKATAN BERSENJATA FOUND INDONESIA'S PRICING DISAGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES TO BE "AN UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCE," ADDING "THE EXPERIENCE SHOULD ENCOURAGE US TO MAKE A GREATER EFFORT IN OUR SEARCH FOR MARKETS IN OTHER AREAS."

(6) THE NEWSPAPER SAID IT SAW SOME BENEFITS, HOWEVER, IN NOT
SELLING LNG AT PRESENT, NOTING, "WORLD DEMAND FOR LNG WILL
CERTAINLY INCREASE IN THE FUTURE... CUTTING BACK (NOW) ON
PRODUCTION ALSO MEANS A SAVING OF NON-RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES."
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